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MEDIA RELEASE

UM PRODUCTION OF "CARMEN" TO TOUR

MISSOULA--

A popular song of not so long ago tells of hearts full of passion, jealousy and hate and insists that the fundamental things of life are never out of date "As Time Goes By." In a far more interesting musical form, Bizet's "Carmen" proves that thesis, and his opera is as exciting today as ever.

The University of Montana production of "Carmen," sung in English, will be staged in Billings, Glendive, Bozeman and Helena during the University's spring break.

The performance schedule:

Billings--Friday, March 20, Lincoln Junior High School Auditorium, 8 p.m.

For ticket information, call 248-7421 or 252-0151.

Glendive--Saturday, March 21, Dawson County High School Auditorium, 8 p.m.

For ticket information, call 365-5265.

Bozeman--Sunday, March 22, Willson Auditorium, 8 p.m. For ticket information, call 586-8211.

Helena--Monday, March 23, Helena Junior High School Auditorium, 8 p.m.

For ticket information, call 442-4225 or 442-4101.

The tour is sponsored by the Associated Students of UM, the School of Fine Arts and the Department of Music.

UM organizations participating are the Opera Workshop, conducted by Esther England, who is the director of the production; the Chamber Chorale, conducted by Donald Carey, who is chorus master; and the Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Thomas Elefant.

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Tom Gebbie is stage director and Catherine Dixon is scenic designer. Jan Schneider, director of The Danceworks, Missoula, is choreographer. Brent Batton is costumer. Janet Downer and Jan Halmes are pianists.

In Billings and Bozeman, the roles of Carmen and Escamillo will be sung by Judy Donham and Michael McGill, respectively, and in Glendive and Helena, by Lynn Holding and David Simmons. McGill is from Stevensville. The others are Missoulians.

Also in the cast are Timothy Campbell, Missoula, as Don Jose; Carla Riplett, Billings, as Micaela; Janny Rahn, Lewistown, as Frasquita; Michelle A. Diede, Billings, as Mercedes; Joseph Oechsli, Missoula, as El Dancairo; Russell Harvey, Kalispell, as El Remendado; Henry H. Kiichli, Kalispell, as Zuniga; and Dennis J. Kozeluh, Missoula, as Morales.

Members of the chorus, by hometown:

Billings--Tom Shiskowsky and Donali Peter. Browning--Bill Welch. Choteau--Rock Perkins. Great Falls--Anson Haugsjaa and Carl Grosse. Hamilton--K.C. Armstrong. Kalispell--Renee Harvey. Missoula--Janeil Gish, Karen Lange, Kay Sandberg, Liz Graves, Anita Monk, Manny Machado and Dan Schuler. St. Joseph, Mich.--Janene Bock. Seattle, Wash.--Debra Johnson.

Members of the orchestra, by hometown:

Belt--Jim McNamer. Billings--Myra Theimer and Stephanie Lechner. Great Falls--Ronelle Armstrong, Shari Muller, Todd Nicolls and Dale Ellis. Helena--Stephanie Syring and Chris Rawf. Huntley--Adella Junkert. Jefferson City--Rita Munson.

Missoula--Charlie Clubb, Grace Berg, Suzi Martin, Barbara Balko, Sarah Thornton, Candice Gisselbeck, Carmen Gisselbeck, Dale Jensen, Victor Galindo, Paige Markham, Danny Gyles, Kim Hicks and Jason Barkley.

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